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SUBJECT: VISIT OF S/NM PROGRAM EVALUATION OFFICER - PROPOSED NARCOTICS PROGRAM

- 1. GIVEN THE PERCEIVED POLITICAL COMMITMENT OF GCOB TO SUPPRESS THE ILLEGAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING THROUGH THE BAHAMAS, WE ARE IN A POSITION TO BEGIN NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF THE DRUG SITUATION TO SUPPORT THE GCOB IN ITS DRUG SUPPRESSION PROGRAM.
- 2. IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, S/NM HAS BEEN TESTING A PROGRAMMING PLANNING SYSTEM TO BE INSTITUTED WORLDWIDE AS THE PROJECT DOCUMENTATION APPROACH FOR NEGOTIATING PRESENT AND FUTURE PROJECT AGREEMENTS. THE OVERALL PURPOSE OF THIS SYSTEM IS TO ASSURE FULL PARTICIPATION OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT IN THE INITIAL PLANNING STAGES OF A PROJECT AND TO ESTABLISH WELL-DEFINED, MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES AND MILESTONES WHICH CAN BE THE BASIS FOR EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY. WE PLAN TO USE THE PROGRAMMING SYSTEM IN DESIGNING ALL S/NM PROJECTS AND FEEL IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BRIEF THE MISSION ON THE STEPS OF THE SYSTEM.

3. JAMES VAN WERT, S/NM PROGRAM EVALUATION OFFICER WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH MISSION PERSONNEL TO OUTLINE PROJECT

DESIGN REQUIREMENTS AND DISCUSS THE STEPS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE BAHAMIAN REQUIREMENTS. IF THE EMBASSY CONCURS, IN MID-SEPTEMBER, A SURVEY GROUP COMPOSED OF A TELE-COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT; DEA, CUSTOMS, AND COAST GUARD PERSONNEL FROM MIAMI; AND S/NM PROJECT DESIGNER WILL SPEND 7-10 DAYS ASSESSING THE NEED AND DESIGNING THE PARAMETERS OF A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH BAHAMIAN OFFICIALS. BASED ON THIS SURVEY AND DESIGN, FY 79 PROJECT FUNDS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE.

4. IN THE MEANTIME, VAN WERT REQUESTS EMBASSY CONCURRENCE TO DISCUSS SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES WITH THE MISSION DURING HIS PROPOSED VISIT. REQUESTS HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN NASSAU, FROM AUGUST 20 TO 23. PLEASE ADVISE. VANCE

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